AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus ~~executing~~ operable to execute a process on copyrighted data within ~~a right~~ an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:

a data storage unit ~~means~~ operable to store the data;

a right information storage unit ~~means~~ operable to store a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage unit ~~means~~;

an input unit ~~means~~ operable to input an instruction for the data stored in said data storage unit ~~means~~;

a control ~~means~~ unit operable to determine, based on ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit, whether ~~said~~ the instruction is to be executed or not;

a process execution ~~means~~ unit operable to execute ~~said~~ the instruction; and

a display ~~means~~ unit operable to display ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit on a screen, wherein said display unit is operable to display the process right in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

2.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising[[:]] a data receiving ~~means~~ unit operable to

receive the data stored in said data storage ~~means~~ unit through a communication channel, and

obtain ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit through the communication channel.

3.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said process execution ~~means~~ unit includes a data copy ~~means~~ unit operable to copy the data stored in said data storage ~~means~~ unit to a removable storage medium and to delete the data copied to ~~said~~ the storage medium based on a determination by said control ~~means~~ unit.

4.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said right information storage ~~means~~ unit is operable to store ~~stores~~ storage medium information for identifying ~~said~~ the storage medium, and

said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display the ~~displays said~~ storage medium information on a screen.

5.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~when said input means selects the data copied to said storage medium,~~ said display unit is operable to display ~~means displays~~ the storage medium information of ~~said~~ the storage medium on the screen when said input unit selects the data copied to the storage medium.

6.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the storage medium information is a storage medium identifier which is unique to ~~said~~ the storage medium.

7.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the storage medium information is an identifier which is assigned to ~~said~~ the storage medium for identification.

8.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control ~~means~~ unit is operable to output ~~outputs~~ a warning signal when determining that ~~said~~ the instruction for copying the data to ~~said~~ the storage medium is not to be executed; and

said display means unit is operable to display ~~displays~~ a warning screen based on ~~said~~ the warning signal.

9.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to make a display ~~makes~~ on ~~said~~ the warning screen ~~a display~~ for prompting a user to obtain a process right that is required for copying the data ~~copy~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
        said control ~~means~~ unit is operable to output ~~outputs~~ a warning signal when determining ~~said~~ that the instruction for deleting the data from ~~said~~ the storage medium is not to be executed, and
        said display ~~means displays~~ unit is operable to display a warning screen based on ~~said~~ the warning signal.

11.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display ~~displays~~ one or more icons on the screen corresponding to ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit ~~on the screen~~.-

12.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display ~~displays on the screen~~ as many icons on the screen as the number of executions that are specified by ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit.

13.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display ~~displays~~ on the screen ~~said~~ the process right to data that can be processed in a set process mode.

14.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display ~~displays~~ on the screen ~~said~~ the process right stored in said right information storage ~~means~~ unit by switching a display method based on a set display mode.

15.   (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said control ~~means~~ unit is operable to output ~~outputs~~ a warning signal when determining that ~~said~~ the instruction is not to be executed, and

said display ~~means~~ unit is operable to display ~~displays~~ a warning screen based on ~~said~~ the warning signal.

16.   (Currently Amended) A data processing method for executing a process on copyrighted data within ~~a right~~ an obtained right, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing the data;

storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said ~~data~~ storing ~~step~~ of the data;

inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the data;

determining, based on ~~said~~ the process right stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the process right, whether ~~said~~ the instruction is to be executed or not;

executing ~~said~~ the instruction; and

displaying ~~said~~ the process right stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the process right on a screen in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

17.   (Currently Amended) A recording medium ~~with~~ having a program recorded ~~therein~~ thereon, said program for executing, on a computer, a data processing method of processing copyrighted data within ~~a right~~ an obtained right, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing the data;

storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said ~~data~~ storing ~~step~~ of the data;

inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the data;

determining, based on ~~said~~ the process right stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the process right, whether ~~said~~ the instruction is to be executed or not;

executing ~~said~~ the instruction; and

displaying ~~said~~ the process right stored in said storing ~~step~~ of the process right on a screen in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

18. (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored in said data storage unit to a removable storage medium, and

said display unit is operable to display at least one "check-out is possible", "during check-out", and "check-out is impossible" with respect to the check-out right.

19. (New) A data processing apparatus for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:

data storage means for storing the data;

right information storage means for storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage means;

input means for inputting an instruction for the data stored in said data storage means;

control means for determining, based on the process right stored in said right information storage means, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

process execution means for executing the instruction; and

display means for displaying the process right stored in said right information storage means on a screen, wherein said display means displays the process right in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

20. (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising data receiving means for

receiving the data stored in said data storage means through a communication channel, and

obtaining the process right stored in said right information storage means through the communication channel.

21.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said process execution means includes data copy means for copying the data stored in said data storage means to a removable storage medium and deleting the data copied to the storage medium based on a determination by said control means.

22.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein
said right information storage means stores storage medium information for identifying the storage medium, and
said display means displays the storage medium information on a screen.

23.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said display means displays the storage medium information of the storage medium on the screen when said input means selects the data copied to the storage medium.

24.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the storage medium information is a storage medium identifier which is unique to the storage medium.

25.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the storage medium information is an identifier which is assigned to the storage medium for identification.

26.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein
said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction for copying the data to the storage medium is not to be executed; and
said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.

27.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said display means makes a display on the warning screen for prompting a user to obtain a process right that is required for copying the data.

28.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein

said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction for

deleting the data from the storage medium is not to be executed, and

said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.

29.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means

displays one or more icons on the screen corresponding to the process right stored in said right

information storage means.

30.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said display means

displays as many icons on the screen as the number of executions that are specified by the

process right stored in said right information storage means.

31.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means

displays on the screen the process right to data that can be processed in a set process mode.

32.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means

displays on the screen the process right stored in said right information storage means by

switching a display method based on a set display mode.

33.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein

said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction is not

to be executed, and

said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.

34.   (New) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein

the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored

in said data storage means to a removable storage medium, and

said display means displays at least one "check-out is possible", "during check-out", and "check-out is impossible" with respect to the check-out right.